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The party and government are using every means to further the workers' efforts to build small hydroelectric power stations to light their houses.

Some 16 villages in Korce Rreth have been electrified, among them Leshnice, Hociisht, Dardhe, Vishocice, Bozhigrad, Sinice, Vranishte, and Gjyras. The inhabitants of these villages, on their own initiative and with the support of the authorities, have exploited water courses and built small hydroelectric power stations. Some other villages in this rreth are also introducing electrification. The Dobrac Cooperative workers in Shkoder have greatly improved their living conditions by the use of electric power. In some villages in the Korce and Dobrac areas in Shkoder Rreth which already have electric power, certain villagers have radios in their homes.

The number of electrified villages is increasing. Three or four villages near Peshkope receive electric power from the station built in that city in 1941. Villagers in Kukes are building a 13-kilometer canal to bring water to the site of a hydroelectric station which is to replace the present steam-electric power station. Villagers in Rreshen are also working to replace their steam power station with a water power station. In Gramsh electric power has been placed on the agenda of the Ten-Year Party Plan. Among other towns, Permet, Tepelene, Delvine and Shepenze will have electric power. Baneret and Tepelene City have promised to finish their work on electrification before the Second Party Congress.

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